

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 23 to read as follows:

To allow air trapped between the members 7 and 9 to escape from the mould, small pips (not shown) are formed in the member 9 during vacuum moulding at regular intervals, approximately 20mm, along each finger as well as on the outer edge of the tray. The pips are cut off from the member 9 before fitting the member 9 into the member 7 in the nest 101. On closure of the brace 103, air is forced to the edges of the tray and out through holes 30 created by cutting off the pips. The holes 30 are large enough to let air escape but small enough to prevent the stone-resin mix 102 escaping. In this embodiment, the holes 30 created by cutting off the pips are 1nm in diameter and the beads within the stone-resin mix 102 are approximately 2mn in diameter.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 5 to read as follows:

Pressure is applied to the member 9 for approximately 10 minutes after pouring and then the applied pressure is reduced allowing the brace 103 to back off 5mm. This ensures contraction of the tray during curing the stone-resin mix 102 and does not damage the nest 101 and brace 103. In this position, the nest 101 and brace 103 still limit and control any distortion of the tray. It will be understood that the back off distance of 5mm can be altered to achieve the best results.